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September 16, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

35 September 16, 2014

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 ANNUAL BUDGET (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 to continue the development and implementation of multiuse projects to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration, and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation, and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to contribute \$25,500 to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.
2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to contribute \$25,500 to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is a joint powers agency comprised of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the WCA

requires the WCA to adopt an annual budget and submit it to the governing boards of the LACFCD and RMC for approval, and prohibits the WCA from disbursing any funds except pursuant to a budget that has been approved by the LACFCD and RMC. The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement also provides for the RMC and LACFCD to each make annual contributions to the WCA, not to exceed \$50,500 for the RMC and not to exceed \$25,500 for the LACFCD.

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the WCA's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 (Enclosure A) and approve the LACFCD's annual contribution to the WCA, as provided for in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. The Board's approval will allow the WCA to commence receipt and disbursements of funds in conformance with the adopted budget.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by collaborating cross jurisdictionally and developing a partnership to effectively manage and leverage our resources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The proposed projects and other expenditures identified in the enclosed budget will be funded by rental income from leases of WCA property and various grants awarded to the WCA. Approval of the budget will enable the WCA to commence and continue implementing projects of mutual interest to the LACFCD and RMC.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement previously approved between the LACFCD and RMC, as described in more detail below, provides for both parties to make contributions to the WCA. The value of the LACFCD's contribution shall not exceed \$25,000 in any fiscal year, plus \$500 per annum to cover the costs of mailing notices and other required expenditures. Sufficient funds to cover the LACFCD's contribution are included in the LACFCD Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 1, 2003, Synopsis 34, the Board approved a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the LACFCD and RMC to create the WCA. Creation of the WCA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, Government Code, Section 6500, et. seq. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed that are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement entered into by the LACFCD and the RMC contains several terms and conditions regarding fiscal controls over expenditures of public funds. The WCA is required to adopt an annual budget in a form approved by the LACFCD and RMC. The WCA may only disburse funds pursuant to a budget that has been adopted by the WCA and approved by the Board and the governing board of the RMC.

The WCA budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 has been adopted by the governing board of the WCA and approved by the governing board of the RMC. Copies of the WCA and RMC Resolutions are

enclosed (Resolution Nos. 2014-24 and 2014-14, respectively).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The approval of the WCA's annual budget is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action is a fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to a specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will not have an impact on current County services or projects currently planned. The LACFCD will gain benefit from this action through the sustained operation of the WCA, the continued partnership with the RMC in developing projects of mutual interest, and increasing its ability to approve the distribution of funding.

CONCLUSION

Please return four adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**ENCLOSURE A
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FY 2014-2015 BUDGET**

Date of Report: June 23, 2014
Report: Total Revenues & Expenses

Item	FY 13/14 Budget	Changes	Final FY 14/15 Budget	Comments
REVENUES				
<i>Administration</i>				
LA County Flood Control District	\$ 25,500	\$ -	\$ 25,500	JPA contribution
RMC	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	JPA contribution
Carryover	\$ 100	\$ (100)	\$ -	
Administration Subtotal	\$ 35,600	\$ (100)	\$ 35,500	
<i>Operations</i>				
Duck Farm Leases	\$ 131,305	\$ (7,030)	\$ 124,275	@95% due to tenant turnover
River Wilderness Park Leases	\$ 83,548	\$ (595)	\$ 82,954	@95% due to tenant turnover
South Gate Riparian Park Lease	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 36,500	
Citations & Other	\$ 14,000	\$ (3,080)	\$ 10,920	
Carryover	\$ 154,200	\$ (154,200)	\$ -	
Property Maintenance Agreement	\$ 40,000	\$ (30,000)	\$ 10,000	RMC contribution to WCA for weed abatement management
Transfer from Other Properties	\$ -	\$ 63,042	\$ 63,042	
Operations Subtotal	\$ 458,053	\$ (130,363)	\$ 327,691	
<i>Capital Outlay</i>				
RMC	\$ 3,682,049	\$ (1,831,786)	\$ 1,850,263	
LACFCD	\$ 208,424	\$ 15,576	\$ 224,000	
SEP Funds	\$ -	\$ 616,816	\$ 616,816	
Local Funds	\$ 1,558,266	\$ 197,759	\$ 1,756,025	
Other	\$ 104,627	\$ 1,864,818	\$ 1,969,445	Includes Project Management Contracts/Reimbursements
Capital Outlay Subtotal	\$ 5,553,366	\$ 863,183	\$ 6,416,549	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 6,047,019	\$ 732,721	\$ 6,779,740	
EXPENSES				
<i>Administration</i>				
<i>Administration/Professional Services</i>				
Cost Allocation Plan Consulting	\$ 10,000	\$ (10,000)	\$ -	
Financial Compliance Audit	\$ 4,400	\$ 600	\$ 5,000	Per the Auditor-Controller's Office
Fiscal Services Auditor-Controller	\$ 66,000	\$ -	\$ 66,000	Per the Auditor-Controller's Office (includes reqd reporting)
Funding Opportunities	\$ 24,000	\$ (240)	\$ 23,760	
Grant Writing	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Insurance Bond	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	
Information Technologies	\$ 5,800	\$ 9,200	\$ 15,000	
Legal	\$ 24,000	\$ -	\$ 24,000	
Personnel Services	\$ 1,610	\$ 1,890	\$ 3,500	HR & Payroll Administration
Strategic Planning	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000	
Insurance -Board of Directors	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
Office Supplies	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
Postage	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
Printer Supplies	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
Training	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
Travel	\$ 8,100	\$ (2,800)	\$ 5,300	
Wireless Phones	\$ 2,200	\$ (400)	\$ 1,800	
Other/Not Classified	\$ 1,500	\$ (0)	\$ 1,500	
Administration Subtotal	\$ 178,360	\$ (1,750)	\$ 176,610	
<i>Salaries & Benefits</i>				
Salaries	\$ 268,757	\$ (1,901)	\$ 266,856	4 FT Employees, 2 PT Employees
Benefits	\$ 91,377	\$ 21,663	\$ 113,040	Health & Life Insurance, 457(b) cont. & fees, WC, Leave accruals
Personnel Subtotal	\$ 360,134	\$ 19,762	\$ 379,896	
<i>Operations</i>				
<i>Alarm Services</i>				
Alarm Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Security Services	\$ 3,300	\$ 72	\$ 3,372	
<i>Insurance</i>				
Liability & Structure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Umbrella Policy	\$ 11,700	\$ (2,900)	\$ 8,800	
<i>Property Maintenance</i>				
Umbrella Policy	\$ 5,400	\$ -	\$ 5,400	

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FY 2014-2015 BUDGET**

Date of Report: June 23, 2014
Report: Total Revenues & Expenses

Item	FY 13/14 Budget	Changes	Final FY 14/15 Budget	Comments
Building & Improvements	\$ 8,275	\$ (4,200)	\$ 4,075	
Grounds	\$ 3,030	\$ (1,030)	\$ 2,000	
Weed Abatement	\$ 45,500	\$ (26,500)	\$ 19,000	
Miscellaneous expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Park Facilities				
Janitorial Services	\$ 11,000	\$ -	\$ 11,000	
Portable Toilets/Septic tanks	\$ 1,850	\$ -	\$ 1,850	
Utilities	\$ 21,740	\$ (1,496)	\$ 20,244	Includes electricity, propane, and pay phone charges
Waste Removal - Garbage/Bins	\$ 6,300	\$ (1,300)	\$ 5,000	
Water/ Irrigation	\$ 63,330	\$ -	\$ 63,330	
Property Management	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	RMC contribution to WCA for weed abatement management
Ranger Services	\$ 101,500	\$ (9,500)	\$ 92,000	
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	\$ 160,742	\$ (149,835)	\$ 10,907	
Transfer to Other Properties	\$ 37,000	\$ 26,042	\$ 63,042	
Operations Subtotal	\$ 490,667	\$ (170,647)	\$ 320,020	
Capital Carryover				
RMC Grants	\$ 3,412,973	\$ (1,667,535)	\$ 1,745,438	Minus Personnel & Eligible Overhead Expenses
LACFCD	\$ 191,424	\$ 10,176	\$ 201,600	
SEP Funds	\$ -	\$ 572,816	\$ 572,816	
Local Funds	\$ 1,386,497	\$ 139,849	\$ 1,526,346	
Other	\$ 26,963	\$ 1,830,051	\$ 1,857,014	
Capital Carryover Subtotal	\$ 5,017,857	\$ 885,357	\$ 5,903,214	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,047,019	\$ 732,721	\$ 6,779,740	

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RESOLUTION 2014-24

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY ADOPTING THE FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015
BUDGET.

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District); and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize adoption of the Watershed Conservation Authority final Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated June 23, 2014.
4. ADOPTS the Watershed Conservation Authority final budget FY 2014/2015.

~ End of Resolution ~

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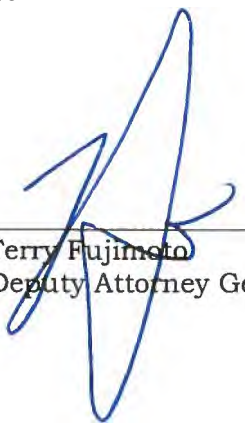
Motion Connie Spittel Second: Teresa Velasco
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the

Resolution 2014-24

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On June 23, 2014

ATTEST:



Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

Brian Mejia, Chair

June 23, 2014 -Item 16

RESOLUTION 2014 —14

**RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING THE
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY PRELIMINARY BUDGET
FOR FY 2014-2015.**

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Las Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve the Watershed Conservation Authority budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

- 1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.**
- 2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the**

environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

3. ADOPTS the staff report dated June 23, 2014.
4. APPROVES the FY 14/15 final budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.

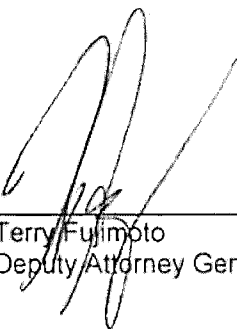
~ End of Resolution ~

Motion Arrighi Second: Bertone
Ayes: 10 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on June 23, 2014.


Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST:


Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General